GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPORT OF ONION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the onion is being exported from the country;

(b) if so, the names of countries to which this export is being made;

(c) the quantity and value of onions exported during each of the last three years, country-wise;

(d) the foreign exchange earned on account of this export during the said period;

(e) the names of the States which are major partner in the export of onion; and

(f) the incentives being given to the onion growers to promote the export of the onion?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) : Yes, Sir

(b) : The major countries to which onion is exported include Bangladesh, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Kuwait, UAE, Sri Lanka, Singapore and Saudi Arabia

(c) & (d) : The quantity and value of onions exported and the foreign exchange earned therefrom during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are as follows:

Year	Value (Rs. Crores)	Qty. (M.Tons)
1997-98	202.46	3,33,349
1998-99	176.05	2,15,694
1999-2000	202.70	2,60,475

Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta / APEDA, New Delhi.

The country-wise details of exports are available in the Foreign Trade Statisticsof India - Monthly/ Annual Bulletins published by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S), Calcutta, copies of which are kept in the Parliament Library.

(e) : State-wise export statistics is not maintained. However, from the information available from the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), the major states which contribute to the exports of onion include Maharashtra, Karnataka and Gujarat.

(f) :A study has been conducted in 1998 on logistic management in domestic supply and export of selected fruits and vegetables, including onions. One of the recommendations of the study to increase exports was to reduce post-harvest losses by setting up of modern aerated storages, proper grading, sorting and introduction of contract farming. Canalised agencies and major exporters have been informed of the need to set up these basic infrastructure facilities.